ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a system and method that allows software developers to more effectively chain and extend wizards. Using this method, a software developer will indicate within the software code, access points or those stages in the process where an external wizard or HTML pages could be incorporated. Furthermore, a developer can also create reusable parts of a wizard (sub-wizard) that can be incorporated into other wizards (host-wizard), thus allowing the extension of the host-wizard. Sub-wizards can be component objects and/or contain HTML pages from the Internet or other sources. A host-wizard and one or more sub-wizards can exchange information and pass control through the specification of certain object functions and a 'property bag'. A 'property bag' can be thought of as an assorted collection of miscellaneous data, variables and other information that a developer needs to exchange between wizards.

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